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Letter dated 23 December 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I am writing to you in connection with the establishment of the Peacebuilding Commission and have the pleasure to enclose a letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ireland, Dermot Ahern T.D. (see annex).

In his letter, Minister Ahern indicates that it is the intention of the Government of Ireland to contribute €10 million to the Peacebuilding Fund set up to support the work of the Peacebuilding Commission.

I would be grateful if you could arrange for the present letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda items 46 and 120.

(*Signed*) David **Cooney**
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Annex to the letter dated 23 December 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The establishment of the Peacebuilding Commission marks an important stage towards the renewed United Nations envisioned in your report, "In larger freedom" (A/59/2005), and mandated by the 2005 World Summit.

As you said in your own statement, the adoption by the General Assembly and the Security Council of resolutions on the implementation of the Summit decision marks a turning point in our efforts to help States and societies manage the difficult transition from war to peace. I wish to offer congratulations to you and, through you, to all whose work contributed to this achievement.

You will know from our discussions of Ireland's commitment to the concept of the Peacebuilding Commission from the outset. I am pleased, therefore, to inform you that I have announced that the Government of Ireland intends to contribute €10 million to the Peacebuilding Fund. The Peacebuilding Commission will act as an essential bridge between peacekeeping and long-term development cooperation, and I regard this contribution as an essential complement to Ireland's work in both these areas. I look forward to working closely with you and your officials in this vital new arena of United Nations activity.

(*Signed*) Dermot **Ahern** T.D.
Minister for Foreign Affairs